

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A device for use in conjunction with a mouth and an ear of a user, the device comprising:

a vocal sound receiver;

a sound director having a first end, a second end, and at least one tubular portion positioned between the first end and the second end, the first end being coupled to the vocal sound receiver; and

an ear sound deliverer coupled to the second end of the sound director.

Claim 2 (original): The device of Claim 1, wherein the vocal sound receiver, the sound director and the ear sound deliverer are each entirely mechanical.

Claim 3 (original): The device of Claim 1, wherein the ear sound deliverer includes a head engagement member.

Claim 4 (original): The device of Claim 1, which includes at least one head securing member removably attached to the vocal sound receiver, the sound director or the ear sound deliverer.

Claim 5 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 1, which includes a length adjustment assembly defined by an operative coupling between the sound director and the: (a) vocal sound receiver; or (b) ear sound deliverer.

Claim 6 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 1, which includes a sound regulator operatively coupled to the vocal sound receiver, the sound director or the ear sound deliverer.

Claim 7 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 1, which includes a cover coupled to the vocal sound receiver, the cover having a plurality of walls which define a plurality of openings.

Claim 8 (original): A device for directing sound from a mouth of a vocalist to an ear of the vocalist, the device comprising:

a vocal sound receiver defining at least one opening;

a sound director having: (a) a first tubular portion coupled to the vocal sound receiver, the first tubular portion defining at least one bend; (b) a second tubular portion coupled to the first tubular portion; and (c) a third tubular portion coupled to the second tubular portion, the third tubular portion defining at least one bend;

an ear sound deliverer coupled to the third tubular portion, the ear sound deliverer defining at least one opening, the ear sound deliverer having a head engagement member; and

at least one head securing member coupled to the sound director.

Claim 9 (original): The device of Claim 8, wherein the sound director is a one-piece member.

Claim 10 (original): The device of Claim 8, wherein the vocal sound receiver, the sound director and the ear sound deliverer are each entirely mechanical.

Claim 11 (original): The device of Claim 8, wherein the head engagement member has a perimeter portion which encompasses the ear of the vocalist.

Claim 12 (original): The device of Claim 8, wherein the head securing member includes an elongated head portion engagement member.

Claim 13 (original): The device of Claim 8, wherein the sound director includes a fastener which enables the head securing member to be removably attached to the sound director.

Claim 14 (original): The device of Claim 8, wherein the device has an interchangeable left ear orientation and right ear orientation.

Claim 15 (original): The device of Claim 14, wherein the sound director includes: (a) a first fastener which enables the head securing member to be removably attached to a first side of the sound director in the left ear orientation; and (b) a second fastener which enables the head securing member to be removably attached to a second side of the sound director in the right ear orientation.

Claim 16 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 8, wherein the vocal sound receiver includes a cover which extends across the opening of the vocal sound receiver.

Claim 17 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 16, wherein the cover has a plurality of walls which define a plurality of openings.

Claim 18 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 16, wherein the cover has a porous structure.

Claim 19 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 8, wherein the sound director includes a length adjuster which enables a distance between the vocal sound receiver and the ear sound deliverer to be adjusted.

Claim 20 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 19, wherein the second tubular portion has a length adjustment zone.

Claim 21 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 20, wherein the first tubular portion has a size relative to a size of the second tubular portion so that the first tubular portion slidably receives the second tubular portion.

Claim 22 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 20, wherein the first tubular portion has a size relative to a size of the second tubular portion so that the first tubular portion is slidably received by the second tubular portion.

Claim 23 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 20, wherein the first tubular portion or the second tubular portion includes a length adjustment control member.

Claim 24 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 8, wherein the vocal sound receiver, the sound director or the ear sound deliverer includes at least one sound regulator.

Claim 25 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 24, wherein the sound regulator has a plurality of settings for controlling different levels of transmission of the sound to the ear sound deliverer.

Claim 26 (currently amended): A method for directing vocal sound from a vocalist to at least one ear of the vocalist, the method comprising:

- (a) enabling the vocalist to secure a device to a head portion of the vocalist;
- (b) using a first portion of the device to receive the vocal sound from the vocalist;
- (c) using a second portion of the device to direct a portion of the vocal sound towards a third portion of the device, wherein the second portion has a tubular shape; and
- (d) using the third portion of the device to direct the vocal sound to an ear of the vocalist.

Claim 27 (original): The method of Claim 26, wherein step (a) includes the step of providing a unitary device which includes the first portion, the second portion and the third portion.

Claim 28 (withdrawn): The method of Claim 26, which includes the step of enabling the vocalist to adjust a length of the device.

Claim 29 (original): The method of Claim 26, which includes the step of enabling the vocalist to adapt the device for delivering the vocal sound to a right ear or a left ear of the user.

Claim 30 (withdrawn): The method of Claim 26, which includes the step of enabling the vocalist to regulate a characteristic of the vocal sound which is transmitted from the first portion of the device to the third portion of the device.

Claim 31 (currently amended): A method of assisting a user in hearing a voice of the user, the method comprising:

- (a) enabling the user to install a mechanical head set on a head portion of the user;
- (b) enabling the user to input a vocal sound into the mechanical head set;
- (c) using the mechanical head set to receive the vocal sound; and
- (d) using the mechanical head set to direct a portion of the vocal sound through a tubular channel to at least one ear of the user.

Claim 32 (original): The method of Claim 31, wherein step (a) includes the step of providing a unitary mechanical head set.

Claim 33 (withdrawn): The method of Claim 31, which includes the step of enabling the user to adjust a length of the mechanical head set.

Claim 34 (original): The method of Claim 31, which includes the step of enabling the user to adapt the mechanical head set for delivering the vocal sound to a right ear or a left ear of the user.

Claim 35 (withdrawn): The method of Claim 31, which includes the step of enabling the user to regulate a characteristic of the vocal sound which is directed to an ear of the user.